

Gladstone's Glory Years

1901 ---- 1910

CHAPTER '01



CONSISTING OF EXCERPTS FROM
THE GLADSTONE AGE

Ephraim Downing, Editor

FEATURING SUCH NOTABLE EVENTS AS:

- Death of Queen Victoria.
- Arrival of C.N.R. branch line; station built.
- Boys embark for South African war.
- June snowstorm; big yields.
- Deadly cyclone hits the Bear Creek district.
- New County Court Clerk, D. A. MacLean, handles first case.
- Three big stores build along Dennis Street.
- Houses built by John McLaren, A. G. Williams, Chris. Fahrni, D. A. MacLean, and others.
- Triple Wedding in Presbyterian Church.
- Ogilvie Store built.
- The "Age" moves to a new location.
- A 1901 calendar.
- A bank robbery.
- Marriages, births, deaths.

(Compiled, with comments by A.E.M.)

ABOUT THE TIME THAT NEW-FANGLED CONTRAPTION CALLED THE CAR ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AS THE PLAYTHING OF THE RICH AND THE ADVENTUROUS. GLADSTONE, TOO, STARTED "TO GO", AND QUICKLY DID ITS BEST TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME. IN THESE TEN YEARS (ACTUALLY THE FIRST FIVE), THE 30-YEAR-OLD TOWN BLOSSOMED FORTH WITH —

- Numerous new Stores and Houses.
- A new Skating & Curling Rink (the first for hockey).
- Became the Centre for TWO Railways.
- Installed its own Gas-Lighting Plant.
- Installed its own Telephone System.
- Had a full-time Planing Mill.
- Had its own Brick-Making Plant.
- Had 4 or 5 Manufacturing Plants.
- Had a Canoe Club that staged Annual Regattas.
- Had a Fairgrounds, Race Track and large Grandstand.
- Had the largest General Store west of Winnipeg.
- Its "Opera House" staged "Madame Butterfly", etc.

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THURS., JAN. 3rd, 1901 —

Misses Nina and Maggie Galloway returned to the city last night to resume their studies after spending the holidays with their parents.

Tues. evening, Jan. 1st, the eldest dau. of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bruce, of Bear Creek, died — bronchitis.

O. McDiarmid went back to Wpg. on last night's train to resume his studies.

W. Morton went to the city on Wed. night to enter St. John's College.

MAPLE: John H. Wilson, of Portage, and Miss Aggie Grantham, were married on New Year's Day by the Rev. J. E. Munro, of Gladstone.

PLUMAS: Xmas wedding — Wm. A. Brown, the popular young blacksmith, and Miss Minnie Leggett.

THURS., JAN. 10th, 1901 —

((Jas. Mowat offers \$20 for a bay mare, strayed. — Wm. Clayton, lost brown mare colt.))

PINE CREEK—Pepper Bros. have a new hay press, and are busy baling off the east marsh. They have about 700 tons to press. — A little over 2 yrs. ago the actual settlers down here numbered about six; there are now nearly 30, not counting the children, and there must be almost 30 of them. Is it not strange that some minister of the Gospel cannot find time to visit us and try to start a mission?

PLUMAS—Jas. Ensoll left for New Zealand last Thurs. — On Xmas Day, at Wapella, N.W.T., A. B. Stewart, M.D., of Plummas, to Miss Janet Miller, of Wapella. — Schools are in full swing again. Several changes have taken place. Miss Mustard, who has been teaching at Tupper, has gone to Dauphin and her place is filled by Miss Maires, of Gladstone. Miss Gaetz is taking Miss Ross' place at Soudan, Mr. King, of Windyland, has gone to college, while Mr. Jack Williams, of Ivanhoe, will in future wield the birch at Elm Creek.

((Golden S. — Grand Ball at Mr. J. Whaley's attended by over 100. Music by Messrs. Pepper & Ross. A. Pool, M. Cooney and F. Clayton in charge.))

Notice: I, Albert Clayton, do hereby give notice that I have purchased the business, stock, and book accounts of Wm. Huggins, and will hereafter carry on the business in his old stand. All parties against whom the said Wm. Huggins had accounts will kindly pay the same to me.

Alex Kemp, of Austin, formerly a resident of this locality was renewing acquaintances in town the past week.

((Note: It is of some interest to see the merchants of town calling 1901 the "beginning" of the 20th century. Correct of course)).

THURS., JAN. 17th —

((T. S. Brenton, Gladstone, advertising OXYDONOR the 20th century pilot to health)).

ONE WEEK

This year was gloomily begun For Willie Weeks, a poor man's SUN.

"This cash," said he, won't pay my dues, I've nothing here but ones and TUES.

A bright thought struck him, and he said, "The rich Miss Goldrocks I will WED.

But when he paid his court to her, She lisped, but firmly said, "No THUR.

"Alas," said he, "then I must die; Although hereafter I may FRI.

They found his gloves, his coat, and hat, The coroner upon them SAT.

WOODSIDE: A meeting was held in Mr. McLennan's house on Mon., Jan. 14, consisting of Scotch friends & those of Scottish descent for the purpose of instituting a Burns Club. Sec., Mr. J. Sharp Jr. A concert, supper and ball to be held in the school Jan. 25th. A feature attraction: Edison's famous gramophone. Supper at 12 and a ball will continue into the wee sma' hours. Adm. 25c.

((Wm. Burr offering for sale by public auction, at the Rev. House, at 12 noon Jan. 31st, a quarter section, sw 15-14-11)).

A Patriotic Banquet Jan. 21 for returning soldiers. Tickets from D. A. McLean, \$2.00. Limited to 120. Clarkson's Dining Hall. 9 p.m.

((Winston Spencer Churchill to speak in Winnipeg)).

Arthur J. Buck, of Coburg, Ont., is visiting his brother, Robt. G., of Williams Bros. this week.

Calvin Findlay, son of J. Findlay, of town, who has been in

Regina for some months, and who has been suffering from Typhoid fever, returned home Mon. very thin, but improving. ((A lot of deaths reported in the past year from typhoid)).

((Broadfoot Bros. advt. proclaims they have been in the general merchant business for one year and with knowledge gained "promise to do even better" in future)).

THURS., JAN. 24th, 1901 —

"QUEEN VICTORIA DEAD". ((3 Col. heading with picture. Patriotic Banquet postponed.))

P. St. Clair McGregor appointed assessor for Lansdowne.

((Mortgage Sale advertised last wk. postponed to Mar. 30)).

J. McLaren came down from the end of the steel on the C. N. R. on Wed. He will probably remain here for a few months.

Rev. A. W. Woods preaches his farewell sermon in All Saints on Sunday.

((Galloway Bros. features a farewell to the Queen in advt.)).

THURS., JAN. 31st, 1901 —

((Little Maggie Bickle suffers 8 stitch cut to hand, but withstands ordeal without chloroform)).

To Rent: that desirable res. known as Emerald Cottage, occupied by Mrs. John Johnston. Flower and Veg. garden in connection. After Feb. 11th.

MAPLE: Owing to the bad state of the roads to Woodside last Friday, not many of our young folk took in the first anniversary of "Bobby Burns" social.

WESTBOURNE: Our genial hotel-keeper, Guy Fallow, last week bought a ticket for Portage but most of us expected that he intended to go further east. Nothing more was heard of him until the other day he jumped on the train with a fine young lady whom he introduced as Mrs. Fallow.

((Five "stray ads." appear over the names of C. F. Gabriel, Thos. Irwin, of G.S., Jamieson Knox, Andrew Kerr and Chris. Fahrni, Gladstone)).

((C. P. Bennett's Flour & Feed Store located in B. Willisroft's work shop)).

PLUMAS: Many have no doubt wondered where Plummas derived its name. It is called after a large thriving town in Calif. in the centre of a good mining and agric. region. The derivation of the word itself is either Mexican or Spanish.

Miss Lina Fahrni returned home from Portage on Sat.

Mrs. McClory entertained her Sunday School class at her home last Thursday evening.

On Monday a.m. of this week death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. McMillan and took their youngest child, Adeline, aged 11 mos., 28 days. Scarlet fever.

THURS., FEB. 7th, 1901 —

School Report: The following have been promoted to the second book or third grade: Wm. McCrae, Walter Fahrni, Chas. Martin, Chris. Christianson, J. Viney, Frank Morton, Gordon McQueen, Robt. Broadfoot, Dan Broadfoot, Tennis Kirkland, Lulu Bond, Rita Pearson, Louise Ward, Eliza M. Williams, Bella Archer, Tecnie Demerais, Colin Demerais. Total attendance of school, 139. J. A. Christilaw, Principal.

THURS., FEB. 14th, 1901 —

((("Getting over the Grippe", a 5-verse poem appears)).

MEKIWIN: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ingram are the happy possessors of a new "cottage organ".

Jas. Donaldson is nursing a bruised foot. He will not be able to kick the football for a while. At present he feels more like kicking the bucket.

PLUMAS: Aver. attendance at the Plummas School for the past week was over 43.

Mrs. Jno. Johnston and family left Monday for New York where they will reside. Master Walter Johnston who has worked at Galloway Bros. for the past two years was properly farewelled, a watch, a purse of money from employees, and a farewell address by Mr. Collins.

((Bob Jacob receives very high marks in law at St. John's College)).

THURS., FEB. 21st, 1901 —

((Editorial speculation about the probable location of the upcoming railway south to Beaver especially as to where it will enter town and cross the C.P.)).

A. K. Lazier has resigned his pos. as bookkeeper for Galloway Bros. and will leave shortly for his home at Belleville, Ont.

D. McKillop, who has been employed at Williams Bros. has resigned, and has accepted a position as traveller for the Deering Machinery Co. He will not remove from town.

Notice: Any persons cutting or destroying trees or saplings on my land north of the flour mill, will be treated as trespassers.— Jos. Hack.

The interior of Jos. Hack's barber shop was painted and decorated this week by Hugh McKellar.

The following item is taken from the Dauphin Press which is news to the people of this town: "John McLaren, the well-known and popular civil engineer, will shortly be married to a Gladstone young lady".

THURS., FEB. 28th, 1901 —

SILVER STREAM: Jos. Smith & Covaliski have purchased a quarter section in the S½ of 12-14-11. — Jas. Keiller is visiting in the district and interesting everyone with his yarns of the war in S. Africa. Everyone is pleased to see him looking so well after the hardships of the campaign.

PINE CREEK: It is rumored that Dr. Armstrong has sold N½ 18-18-11. — The saw mill of Messrs. Hanna & Whaley is ripping up a lot of logs. — Wm. Sharpe has obtained a home-stead entry on the N.E. 16-13-11 lately held by Wm. Gordon, and has removed the frame shanty on to his farm on 21.

BEAR CREEK: It looks rather suspicious to see Jas. Farmer hauling lumber.

MAPLE: Mrs. S. L. Bott, Lakeland, who has been spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Hollings Mayor, returned home on Saturday.

MAPLE: ((Death of Murdock McKenzie. Buried in Glad. cemetery Monday. He and family came west about 28 years ago and settled within a few miles of Plummas. Sold farm to his sons, John and Dan, 9 years ago)).

WOODSIDE: Simpson Bros. lost a fine horse and 4 head of cattle on the tracks; also Wm. McLennan, a few. — Born at the section house Feb. 15, the wife of David Moore, of a son. — Wolves very plentiful this winter. — Age takes a week to get to Woodside.

Miss Edith McKelvy has accepted situation as bookkeeper in Galloway Bros.

Crouter & Pepper are calling for tenders for the erection of a brick block in Gladstone. ((New Implement Agency))

Among those going to Wpg. to enlist for S. African war are: Mark May (blacksmith); Fred. Pepper, Robt. Hunter and Dan McLeod.

THURS., MAR. 7th, 1901 —

((The editor has something he thinks worthy to write about, and he does. He observes the considerable number of new bldgs. erected in town in 1900, and he joyfully announces some big

projects for 1901. These include Williams Bros. new block; Crouter & Pepper's new bldg. on Dennis; John McLaren's new house on 2nd St.; Chris. Fahrni's house and farm bldgs. at the old "crossing"; A. T. Andrews purchase of the Crowter Hdwe. Store (soon to be vacated), and which is to be modernized for the Gladstone Jewelry Co., with the remainder of the bldg. for offices and apartments; Messrs. Shouas and Armstrong are into real estate and are remodelling and renovating their recent purchase of the Commercial Hotel. Broadfoot Bros., gen. merchants plan to build too but have not decided where or when)).

Council Notes: Messrs. Armstrong and Shouls were heard re the building of a 2nd storey to portions of their property known as the Commercial Hotel. After a discussion of clause 17 of the Fire By-Law the mayor asked the council if in their opinion the proposed improvement conflicted with the local by-law. "Nay" Galloway, Gabriel, Williams and McCrae: "Yea" from Broadfoot and Wilson.

((Constable Downey is to be paid \$20 for month of March.)).

((Editor Ephraim Downing has a strong editorial advising all those in high places in the community to work hard on the proposed railway connection of lines between Beaver and Gladstone. He says in part: "It seems to us that Gladstone is now in 'the flood-tide of her fortune,' which, if taken advantage of will place her in an important position in this part of the province. He wants the town to have a Board of Trade to push for progress)).

Birth: In Glad. to the wife of Ralph King, Mar. 6th, a dau.

((Mrs. and Miss Walton's Reception for a "very select gathering" was much enjoyed on Friday. Among pupils and others taking part were: Miss M. Morton, Misses Bena and Maggie Logie, little Reta Pearson, Miss M. Willisroft (one of Mrs. Walton's advanced pupils), a quartette of Mr. and Mrs. Creery & Mr. and Mrs. Pearson; Fannie Morton & Miss Goldie Walton; Miss Maggie McMillan; Charlie Eccles; Miss King; Miss Mary May Williams; Miss Turbayne; Miss Maggie Ferguson; Miss McCrae; Mr. W. Blackwell. But the report seems obliged to give some special mention to a new talent showing up in the community, and states briefly "The character song of Bertie Jacob took the house." Even the Free Press was quoted and states "Little Bertie Jacob is developing a talent that was unknown to Gladstone audiences until this year. He is quite at home in mimicry").

((Death of Robt. Beatty; lived 4 1/2 miles west of town; born Cordressago, Ireland in 1817; came to Gladstone a few years ago)).

The local creamery will open next Monday. S. Bruce is engaged as buttermaker for the season.

MAPLE—T. K. Thompson and family, of Woodside, have moved to the district & now occupy the Shaw farm here.

Wes. Blackstock, of Ogilvie, spent Sunday in Maple; Wes evidently intends not to batch much longer.

BEAR CREEK: Fletcher Partidge says his land is drying up wonderfully. — Joe says Mr. Ash's buggy runs lighter, tracks wider and makes less noise than his. He says he chased him 8 miles last Sunday and the nearest he got to Tom was 80 rods. Well run, Tom!

THURS., MAR. 14th, 1901 —

WOODSIDE: We hear that Mrs. Sharp intends moving the bldg., lately occupied as a store, to Gladstone, in the near future. She intends opening a confectionery store there.

Colin McMillan and Wes Rose, of Strathcona Horse, are expected home this week.

Corp. Chas. F. Jacob, who left the N.W.M.P. to join Baden-Powell's force for service in S. Africa, has, since reaching Ottawa, been promoted to Acting Sgt.

The first number of the Grandview Exponent came to hand last week.

((Kate McCaskill (2nd dau. of Donald) and Geo. Metcalfe, of Portage, were married Wed. afternoon of last week)).

((School Concert held last Friday)).

THURS., MAR. 21st, 1901 —

Crouter & Pepper have opened up their implement ware rooms next door to Revere House.

((Baseball Club organized)).

THURS., MAR. 28th, 1901 —

((Annual Meeting of Maple Ball Club)).

((Farewell party for A. K. Lazier at the home of the E. McClory's)).

((Geo. B. Spaulding, of Merchants Bank here absconded on Sunday with \$500. but was picked up in Regina Tuesday. He is well liked and has been in Gladstone 4 months)).

M. Wilson has disposed of the Revere House to someone from Neepawa. The price \$3,500.

John Bachelor, of Livingstone, died in St. Boniface hospital after undergoing an operation.

THURS., APR. 4th, 1901 —

((Council Notes: Moved by Coun. Williams, sec. by Coun. Galloway that a 4-foot walk be built from Andrews Drug Store to end of sidewalk at Methodist Church, and crossings and connection to Baptist Church; also a 4-ft. walk from Schooley's to Wilson's corner, thence 2-plank walk to Williscroft's corner. — J. J. Downey to be engaged as constable for 7 mos. at a salary of \$30. per month)).

((Banquet held for S. African heroes)).

J. D. Howe has leased the Windsor House from Jos. McAlpine.

THURS., APR. 11th, 1901 —

The "Maple Leaf" is the name of the new newspaper started at Gilbert Plains.

OGILVIE: Mr. D. Berton, who has been with Jno. Dickie for several years, has started farming on his own hook in the Bear Creek district. ((Is this where Berton got its name?)).

The excavation of Crouter & Pepper's new block started on Monday.

THURS., APR. 18th, 1901 —

W. F. Lunn has bought from J. J. McBurnie, of Neepawa, his store and bake shop in Gladstone. The price was approximately \$1,000.

((Mrs. Bob Kemp had a close call when a bullet went through her kitchen window missing her by inches)).

MAPLE: What was wrong with Monday's snowstorm?

WOODSIDE: J. K. Hall, E. Downing and H. Downing were visitors at the Langside Villa last Sunday.

The Revere House has been opened up under prop. W. Almon.

THURS., APR. 25th, 1901 —

((Spaulding pleads guilty before Judge Ryan at Portage on April 23rd. He's expected to get off with a suspended sentence as bank got all its \$500 back)).

((Of interest in this issue are items culled from the issue of "The Gladstone News & Westbourne County Farmer" of April 7th, 1880. It was supplied by J. W. S. Logie. This old paper

is still extant (though much tattered and torn). Ken Morrison, present 'Age' editor, reprinted it in its entirety on its 100th anniversary in April, 1880)).

((John Steeves, a young man, dies a week after being kicked by a horse on the farm of D. Smith)).

((The Age is printed on Dennis St. by editor-mgr. Ephraim Downing)).

((The editor was cautioned some time back for having his wood piled on the street (contrary to a by-law). As there is someone else nearby doing same without being hassled, he wants the law enforced)).

King Bros. have completed laying the stone foundation of Crouter & Pepper's block.

Men are now at work digging the cellar for Chris. Fahrni's new house.

Plank is being placed on the ground for the new sidewalk between the Methodist Church and Andrew's Drug Store.

A. T. Andrews is calling for tenders for remodeling the building still occupied by E. Crouter, hardware.

Mr. Elgin Watson is successor to C. Christianson's Harness Shop (in W. C. Bond's old stand).

THURS., MAY 2nd, 1901 —

WOODSIDE: One of McLennan's & Hembroff's cows was struck by a freight train Sat. night. — Mr. Fox has purchased the farm owned by A. McCrae, of Neepawa, and intends moving his family here in a few days. We hear the price was \$1200.

PRESTON: Harry Swallow was on a wild goose chase and he got one, but how about fishing, Harry?

THURS., MAY 9th, 1901 —

The following have been promoted from 1st to 2nd grade: Preston Lobb, Alex. Cameron, Bertie Eccles, Willie Archer, Aron. McMullan, Maurice Clayton, Ed. Ward, Clifford McLeod, Reta Bond, Clara Wilson, Esther Martin, Letty Keyser & Ola Olafson.

PINE CREEK: Most of the wheat land has already been sown.

((A strong letter of protest received from Pine Creek re the fencing by farmers thus cutting off the old trail to Gladstone)).

THURS., MAY 16th, 1901 —

A new sidewalk is being laid on the east side of Morris Ave.

Geo. Weaver has purchased the butcher business from Albert Clayton, taking possession on Saturday.

Another new brick store will be erected in town this summer. C. P. Benneit, flour & feed merchant, will erect a store 28 x 30 on Dennis St., west of A. E. Miller's tailor shop.

Decision was given last week in the case of Rusk vs. Fahrni, which came up before his honor Judge Ryan at the County Court sitting here in April. The plaintiff Rusk purchased a team of horses from Mr. Fahrni, giving a lien note for same. The note fell due and Mr. Fahrni issued a writ of replevin and took the horses. The plaintiff then entered a suit to recover the horses, but His Honor decided in favor of the defendant. Anderson & Ormond, Portage, appeared for Rusk and Thos. Morton for Mr. Fahrni.

THURS., MAY 23rd, 1901 —

The new fence around the Presbyterian Church and manse is receiving a coat of paint this week.

Born: In Gladstone on Sunday May 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hall, a daughter.

((Spencer Keyes, a taxidermist)).

Mr. Wm. Gee, of Tupper, has purchased a new Minneapolis thresher with latest modern improvements and blower attached from W. C. Bond, local agent.

Robt. Armstrong has purchased Mr. Kerr's property in town.

((Work to start next Monday on Beaver to Gladstone C.N.R. track)).

PLUMAS: Sad Accident: The death of Robt. Wilson, Tupper, when team ran away near an Indian camp)).

OGILVIE: Farmers all had their winter clothing on again last Sat. We noticed one with his fur coat on following the gang plow.

OGILVIE: Jas. West has purchased a 1/4-section from Hezekiah Elliot. We will miss Hezekiah's smiling countenance.

THURS., MAY 30th, 1901 —

Election of officers in connection with the Epworth League of Christian Endeavour was held Monday evening. The results: Hon. Pres.—Rev. W. G. Wilson. Pres.—G. P. Minaker. 1st Vice-P.—Percy Bond. 2nd Vice-P.—(Missionary) Miss M. J. Kerr. 3rd Vice-P.—(Literary) E. Downing. 4th Vice-P. (Social) — Miss V. McCrae. Sec.-Treas.—H. Jordan. Organist—Miss Dunning.

MAPLE: Gladstone and Maple play their first game of ball in the Westbourne League tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 on the ball grounds 1 mile east of Palestine School.

BEAR CREEK: William McLean, one of our pioneer bachelors, is having his dwelling house brick-veneered. Mr. Schneider is doing the work. This looks suspicious, Billie. — D. Beaton has accepted a situation with Dan McLennan to do his chores every second Sunday. As it is a long drive to Blake Dan don't get home to do many chores. — John Wilson is thinking of tearing the straw off his dwelling and putting on shingles with a gothic window in the South. This also is a suspicious looking act.

P. Newcombe has the contract for the erection of D. A. McLean's new residence. D. Anderson has the foundation ready and the framework will start next week.

There were 147 tickets sold at the Gladstone depot for Portage on May 24th. The crowd reports tame sports.

THURS., JUNE 6th, 1901 —

((Mr. Leaman, of Carberry, and Jessie McAskill, Gladstone, were married Tues., June 4th. Ida McAlpine was bridesmaid, and R. McAskill, brother of the bride, supported the groom)).

A. T. Andrews is having his new store overhauled this week.

W. A. Shoults, V.S., is erecting a new office next to the Commercial Hotel.

Snowstorm: We have received opinions from a dozen different people on the heavy snowstorm today and everyone can look back to former years of snow in June and the big crops that followed.

((Jas. Findlay, of Glendale, narrowly escapes being murdered. Former Gladstonian)).

Born in Gladstone on Saturday, June 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller (merchant tailor) a daughter.

Will Morton returned from St. John's College, Wpg., for the Summer.

((E. Crouter hardware has moved to new quarters on Dennis St. nearly opposite the Post Office)).

THURS., JUNE 13th, 1901 —

((In an article "Future of the Automobile," written by some one at Pine Creek, it seemed that most people thought that it was here to stay, and that many improvements on same could be expected)).

PINE CREEK: A schoolhouse is to be built this summer on the S.W. corner of Geo. Glenn's homestead.

WOODSIDE: Mrs. Sharp opened her store a few days ago and reports a rushing business. — Woodside can now boast of having a S. S. after church every Sabbath at 3.30. — Pine Creek farmers will soon have all the stone in Woodside district if they continue hauling much longer. — The surveyors have just completed work on the ditch which is to be dug in the near future along side 8-14-10.

The wooden verandah in front of A. T. Andrews new store was torn down on Monday and will be replaced by an awning.

E. G. Edwards has placed a new awning at his store this week.

THURS., JUNE 20th, 1901 —

((Letter to the Editor re bulls at large)).

Work on C. P. Bennett's new store started Wed.

Thos. Cory Sr. left Monday for England. To return in Oct.

((Article in locals about new threshing machine purchased by Messrs. J. H. & Levi Rogers of Plumas)).

THURS., JUNE 27th, 1901 —

The following item is taken from the Crystal City Courier: "A shipment of 5300 lbs. of butter was made from Crystal City Creamery last week. Yesterday A. C. McLennan, the buttermaker, made 1,043 lbs. This is a high record for one day's work for one man.

MAPLE: Hollings Mayor has purchased S.W. 18-14-11. — Samuel Grantham has bought NW 25-14-11.

Dr. Rose returned to Wpg. last Saturday.

J. G. Cory has succeeded in passing his final law examination held recently in Wpg.

Tom Egan, our popular station agent, returned Saturday from his holiday trip East.

Rev. W. G. Wilson will preach his farewell sermon in the Methodist Church next Sabbath evening. Rev. Mr. Lawson will not be here for a few weeks yet.

Rev. J. Belford, of Clearwater has been appointed to take charge of the Anglican Mission of Gladstone. Mr. Belford will arrive on Friday to commence his duties.

THURS., JULY 4th, 1901 —

((Dom. Day sports celebrated in real style in Gladstone. J. G.

Cory refereed the football final which the locals won over Plumas 2 - 0. Neepawa Brass Band was present. In baseball Maple beat Plumas 27 - 26 in the final. Plumas was 10 down in their final bat. They scored 8 runs and had 2 men on with 2 out when Craig (pitcher) sent out a high fly. The fielder got under it and despite the deepening darkness, caught the ball, then bobbled it, but finally hung on. Three out! Maple got \$20, Plumas \$10, and Gladstone, \$5.)).

((The Methodist farewell Rev. W. G. Wilson who goes to Carberry)).

J. G. Cory is now a full fledged barrister.

Work commenced Monday on the Beaver-Gladstone line. Contractor Mackenzie is at work grading the road from the Beaver end. The surveyors have run the line to about 4 miles out of Beaver and will not reach Gladstone till the end of the week probably. On Monday contractors Wellman and McDougall arrived in town with their outfits and are camped on the common west of the station and are ready for work when the surveyors reach here. The course of the line is not definitely known but it is surmised that the station will be built south of the river near Mr. Doherty's residence. It is also probable that a station will be built near Golden Stream church.

Miss Godkin, of Winnipeg, is visiting friends in town this wk.

The Silver Medal contest in connection with the R. T. & T. was held in the school hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. Contestants were: Crieff, Ferguson; Misses Nellie Wilson, Margaret Minaker; Lizzie Smith; Irene Harris and Jessie Smith (winner).

THURS., JULY 11th, 1901 —

((W. A. Shoults, V.S., states that he is now in his new office next door to the Commercial Hotel)).

A well represented meeting of curlers was held in one of the school rooms on Thursday evening, July 4. B. Willisroft, president of the Club, occupied the chair, and business was done from start to finish. It was decided to build a rink 170 long by 100 feet wide, suitable for hockey and skating on one side, and two curling sheets on the other. The details of the architecture and of matters in connection with the erection of the building was left to the management of the following as a building com.: T. L. Morton, J. L. Logie, H. J. Pearson, H. J. Bickle and G. P. Minaker. The site for the rink has not yet been selected but active steps are be-

ing taken in this direction. The Club is being incorporated as last as circumstances allow.

((McKenzie & Mann, Premier Roblin and other railway and govt. dignitaries were in town Wed. afternoon in connection with the new railway from Beaver to Gladstone. Surveyors have already reached A. Kerr's farm 2 m. south of town, and there's a great lot of guesswork as to where the railway will enter the town)).

WOODSIDE: Mr. Barry placed a fine new Thomas organ in his house on Monday. — Donald McLennan leaves for his home in Holyrood, Ont., in 2 or 3 weeks.

((Woodside corres. notes that 10 animals in the past year have been struck & killed by trains)).

((Ogilvie corres. is bantering with Maple corres. over baseball and good farming methods, and claims Ogilvie has the best men for the latter)).

((Howard McGowan almost drowns - saved by W. Switzer)).

((“Ashgrove” is the residence of D. Smith)).

Miss Nina Galloway ret. from Wpg. on Monday after taking a course in the College of Music.

Chris. Fahrni's new barn on the bank of the river near the C.P.R. bridge, is about completed.

Work on the construction of Jno. McLaren's new house was started this week.

Rev. Thos. Lawson and family arrived last Friday and have taken up residence in the parsonage.

The brickwork of C. P. Bennett's new store was completed Friday. He will move his stock of flour and feed into the bldg. in a few days.

On Tuesday evening of this week at the Methodist Parsonage, Geo. Willis was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Winton, by Rev. Thos. Lawson.

THURS., JULY 18th, 1901 —

WOODSIDE: Ed Ainsworth moved off his homestead last Saturday and intends living near Gladstone. Ed says the place would be alright if it had a stone foundation built under it.

((Jos. Flamand, Glad., offers \$10 reward for 3 ponies, stray-ed)).

Maple Sunday School holds its second annual picnic Tues., July 9th.

Mr. Nesbitt, of the Merchants Bank, Neepawa, is relieving A. E. Bennett, of the bank here, who is taking his holidays.

Construcion on Broadfoot Bros. new store will start immediately. The situation is between C. P. Bennett's Flour & Feed Store and Crouter & Pepper's new block. The size of the store will be 50 x 60.

The Gladstone Jewelry Co. is now in its new store next to the drug store, and are advt. a Grand Jewelry Opening for Sat., July 20th.

The contractors on the new railroad started grading of this end on Monday. Wellman's outfit is working 6 miles from town and McDougall's is at Dead Lake.

The “Plains of Abraham” have been taken over by the govt. The necessary legal transfer has been made.

((Advt.—R. J. Wilson is agent for Northwest Steam Laundry Co. Wpg. Shipments left at Knox Bros. Furniture Store on Tuesday are returned Saturday)).

THURS., JULY 25th, 1901 —

((CYCLONE at Bear Creek: A picture of the site shows the spot where H. C. Bennett's residence stood before the event, which occurred last Friday at about 6:30. John Muirhead lost his new house (nearly completed), he was in Gladstone at the time. Dan McLennan's new driving shed was twisted, and some 30 acres of wheat stripped. Biggest damage was at H. C. Bennett's, the last to be struck. Five people were in the house: Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Miss Muriel Walton; Rev. Mr. James, Presbyterian minister, and Miss Jennie Haddock. The house was picked up and shattered in an instant. Some farm machinery, household effects which included a fine piano, were hurled in the air. Mr. Bennett now lies at the residence of his brother in Gladstone probably maimed for life. Miss Walton had her collar bone broken and was badly bruised about the body)).

Commercial Hotel now listed under M. A. Blackwell.

FIRST SOD TURNED: 20 yrs. ago, July 12, 1881, the first sod of the Westbourne and North-Western Railway was turned at Portage and actual construction started.

Arthur J. Buck left Tues. for Neepawa where he has accepted a position.

About 6 miles of grading between Gladstone and Beaver on the C.N.R. is completed.

((M. Halperin is advertising “Great Slaughter Sale” of entire bankrupt stock of A. E. Chandler at Plumas)).

THURS., AUG. 1st, 1901 —

((Death of Mr. Bennett occurred following injuries in the cyclone recently. He came from Plymouth, Eng., in 1880, and spent the intervening years in Bear Creek district)).

The Wpg. Free Press of Sat. last was a monster edition consisting of 40 pages. The greater part was made up of a detailed report of the crop prospects of Manitoba and the N.W.T.

Morton & Pearson have made arrangements to build a 30,000-bus. elevator here.

Egan: On Tues., July 30, the wife of T. Egan, of a daughter.

((Special Council Meeting was called re C.N.R.'s entry and route through the town. The present location was decided upon a motion of Galloway and Broadfoot. Coun. Gabriel voted “nay”).

MAPLE: Ed. Ainsworth has again moved into the district. He moved his house up from Woodside last week and put it up on the N.W. of Wm. Grantham's farm.

GOLDEN S.: A grand dance was given last Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace in their new granary. Young folk from far and near were present and enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and are now wondering when the next one will be. But if all the new bldgs. that are nearing completion are dedicated in the above manner, they won't have long to wait.

Geo. Lee's laundry bus. is a-booming. He has added to his washing staff two assistants in the past week.

Harvest hands are scarce. Wages are in consequence high. Offers of \$100 for 3 mos. are plentiful, but even with such encouragement there are no applications.

((Mann & McKenzie believes the C.N.R. will carry out ten million bus. of wheat this fall)).

THURS., AUG. 8th, 1901 —

((Death of Daisy Agnes Crick, eldest dau. of Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Crick. She had made her home with the C. A. Creerys for the past 13 yrs. Ill only 3 days)).

((Town Council accepts tender of Willisroft & Son to build Fahrni bridge)).

THURS., AUG. 15th, 1901 —

((Presentation, signed by Capt. D. Hembroff of The Boys' Brigade tendered to C. G. Clarkson in the C. P. dining hall last Friday evening. — Maple: Mrs. William Alcock was one of the successful prize-winners both at

Brandon and Wpg. for butter & cheese. — Bear Creek: Wheat cutting is the order of the day. — Ogilvie: G. A. Hall has his new stable nearly completed)).

BEAR CREEK: Frank Fahrner has purchased the quarter sec. farm from Dan Steinhouse. The price was in the neighborhood of \$2,000. — W. F. Lunn has completed the erection of his house. — Hugh McDiarmid finished cutting his wheat Thursday a.m. last. This is the earliest in this section of the country.

OGILVIE has an improvement now in the shape of a 2-storey bldg. which Mr. Stewart is erecting to be used as a store. He will start business in October.

B. Willisroft & Son are having their store on Dennis St. brick-venered. A solid brick addition will also be erected between this bldg. and Mayor Logie's implement warehouse.

((John Milne narrowly escaped serious injury when unloading a new threshing machine at the depot. The machine was badly damaged when a plank broke allowing it to crash down)).

THURS., AUG. 22nd, 1901 —

((Death of Miss Hattie McClory, Tues., Aug. 20th, youngest dau. of Mr. and Mrs. E. McClory. They came to town three years ago)).

Track laying on the Beaver to Glad. extension of the C.N.R. will start this week.

The C.P.R. painters are busy this week painting the bridge over the Whitemud river here.

Geo. Vickers has opened up a Jewelry Store in town. Stock will arrive in the course of a week. He is ready now to do all kinds of repairing. His shop is next door to Williams Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson of the C.P.R. dining hall have tendered their resignation to that Company and will shortly leave the town. They have resided here for the past 4 or 5 years and while here have established a large circle of friends who will regret to hear of their departure. Mr. Clarkson will be especially missed by the Boys' Brigade whose interests he has always held at heart. His generosity as a financial supporter to anything he has been asked to contribute to, has been very marked, and in this respect the town is losing a very substantial friend. Mr. Clarkson will be succeeded by Mr. Robinson of the Birtle dining hall.

W. A. Shoults, V.S., is moving into his new premises 3 doors north this week.

Miss Olive Haney, of Meadow Lea, is the guest of her sister,

Mrs. J. A. Christilaw, this week.

((Arden news appears, and an extra 4 pages is added this week 12 in all)).

Born at Bear Creek, Thurs., Aug. 15, the wife of H. S. Crowder, of twin boys.

THURS., AUG. 29th, 1901 —

((Dwelling house to let. Six rooms. J. K. Hall. — The first threshing of this section of the country was on the farm of W. Clayton, on Tues. The yield was about 20 bus. — Death on Sat. evening last of the infant dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King, age 5 months)).

THURS., SEPT. 5th, 1901 —

Early closing: The merchants of Glad. have all agreed to close their stores at 7 p.m. on all days of the week excepting Sat. when they will be open to 10:30 p.m.

((A Threshers' Assoc. has set the charge at 4c per bushel)).

J. W. S. Logie left for Wpg. Monday to attend the Pharmaceutical College. We wish him success.

((Tenders for the erection of a curling and skating rink are being called. Plans at the office of A. G. Williams. The building is to be completed in every particular by Nov. 1st, 1901)).

THURS., SEPT. 12th, 1901 —

R. Kinney is moving his buildings to the vacant lot next to M. Wilson's blacksmith shop this week. His lumber yard will be here too. ((This probably would be because of the locality of the C. N. station to be erected soon. See Council minutes of last month)).

((Total number of voters in R. M. of Westbourne is 1230)).

Harry Jordan's team ran away from Broadfoot's grain warehouse with a full load of wheat. They cut the corner at the Revere House when the wagon hit the sidewalk the box and wheat was dumped in the centre of the road. Mrs. R. Galloway and the Misses Walton were very close to the corner.

THURS., SEPT. 19th, 1901 —

U.S. President, Kinley, is dead.

John McLaren was in town for a few days this week. He left for the end of the steel in the north.

“About Ourselves”: The Age office has been moved this week to more convenient quarters opposite Galloway Bros. store. On account of the large and increasing circulation of the Age we have placed an order (which

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will be filled this week) for a new "Canadian Leverless Monona Steam Press" which will enable us to turn out our work in first class shape. To do this requires a great deal of money, and we ask all our subscribers to aid us by paying in advance. A dollar or two is not much to the individual, but if every subscriber pays in advance it becomes a big amount to us. Besides the press we have also placed in our office other machinery which amounts to nearly \$800. We invite all our friends and subscribers to call and see our new machinery.

35,000 bus. of wheat have been shipped from Gladstone depot so far this year. A large quantity has also been placed in the mill here.

The brick office belonging to T. L. Morton is being moved this week to make way for the C.N.R.

Eleven trains passed through town Tuesday.

THURS. SEPT. 26th, 1901 —

((W. S. Gordon banqueted in Hyde Park Hotel as a hero on his return from South Africa)).

((J. A. Christilaw, principal, accidentally shot by D. Carswell, of Palestine School, while out shooting)).

((105 parcels of land for sale by R. M. of Westbourne. Highest is \$91.70 for half section, the N½ 12-15-12)).

Births: The Wm. Galloways, a son, Sept. 19th. — The Peter Williams, a daughter, on Monday, September 23. — The Geo. McCorristsons, a son, Sept. 26th.

Thos. Morton and J. G. Cory returned Sat. from a 2-day shooting expedition at Lake Manitoba. They returned with a good bag: 100 ducks, 50 chickens + cranes, two swans and a wolf.

((Galloway Bros. has been featuring full page advts. of recent weeks. This issue states, "\$10,000 worth of high class furs are featured," and it's added, "No city store is so well equipped with furs of all descriptions")).

THURS., OCT. 3rd, 1901 —

((Williams Bros. are selling Grand Jewel Steel Stoves by the carload, claiming that the present shipment is the 7th they've received)).

Oliver McDiarmid returned from the north last Sat., and on Monday went to Wpg. to resume his medical studies.

Born: at Blake, to the Jas. Wests, a son, Oct. 1st.

Married: At Rapid City, W. C.

Bond, local hdwe., to Miss Nellie Grummett.

B. B. Williscroft & Son awarded contract on curling and skating rink.

Public School attendance figures for Sept: Jr. Dept. (Enrollment, 67), (Aver. Att., 50), Miss A. Rintoul, teacher; Inter. Dept. (Enrollment 55), (Aver. attendance 41), T. A. Broadfoot, teacher; Sr. Dept. (Enrollment 48), (Aver. Attendance 37), J. A. Christilaw, teacher.

THURS., OCT. 10th, 1901 —

((Morton & Pearson's 30,000-bus. elevator is completed. It is 40 ft. high with 16-ft. cupola making it 64 ft. (?))).

The brickwork on A. G. Williams commodious residence is nearing completion.

Geo. Claxton, of Inverary, Ont., is visiting his uncle, Postmaster Rose this week. He is also a nephew of Geo. Claxton, Keyes.

A new dwelling: Neil McLean and his men are this week erecting his house on the site of the old residence.

The butter factory has closed down for the season.

The weather the past week and a half has been fine, and the spirits of all have been revived again. Threshing has been vigorously prosecuted and the returns are gratifying.

A fatal accident occurred near Neepawa Monday of this week. John Hunter fell on the feed board and was mangled by the cylinder and died two hours after. He was a brother-in-law to Hugh McClory, the man who met his death in a similar mishap a few weeks ago.

THURS., OCT. 17th, 1901 —

((The 24th annual Fall Fair was held last Thursday (a full list of the prize-winners is given in 2 full cols. of small type). — Broadfoot Bros. new store is nearing completion and when finished will no doubt be the best store in town. — Tuesday's Free Press says: The Can. Northern let the contract to a city firm this week for the inside finishings for a new station to be erected this Fall in Gladstone)).

THURS., OCT. 24th, 1901 —

W. L. Newman, formerly of Gladstone, and late of Dawson City, is renewing old acquaintances in town. Mr. Newman has done well in Yukon country.

Track-laying on the C.N.R. will start in a few days.

((1500 bus. of wheat went into the bins of the new elevator on Monday)).

B. B. Williscroft & Son are having their furniture store brick veneered this week.

J. Carefoot is erecting a new residence on Morris Ave. South this week.

Private Sale: The household effects of the Commercial Hotel will be sold by private sale between now and Nov. 1st. Sale will be without reserve as the proprietress is leaving town on that date. Terms cash.

THURS., OCT. 31st, 1901 —

((Work on the new rink has started and its dimensions have been increased to 97 x 170. The skating service will be 60 feet)).

((Death of W. H. Alcock. Born in 1845 he came to Gladstone in 1872. Much respected. Pall-bearers were all neighbors: George McCrae, E. Hyndman, William White, Jas. Broadfoot, Geo. and Wm. Glenn. Death occurred suddenly on Sunday, Oct. 27th)).

Knox Bros. are running their planing mill night and day.

((The advt. of Wilson & Cathcart, painters and decorators, appears)).

Walter B. Hembroff, formerly a typo on the Age staff, left on Tues. this week, for Pilot Mound where he has accepted a position on the Sentinel staff.

A. J. Campbell is holding an auction sale of furniture at his residence next Tues., Nov. 5th. We understand Mr. Campbell intends moving to Ontario.

Thos. Tighe, a well-known & industrious rancher in the northern part of the Municipality will succeed Mrs. Blackwell in the Commercial Hotel.

The Methodist choir has been re-organized. Andrew Kerr, who was leader for the past year, resigned, and A. E. Bennett has kindly consented to act in a like capacity. Fourteen have enrolled as members.

We have no desire to pass judgment on the veracity of Dr. Fontaine's statements re Palestine and Egypt, but we have ascertained that he made a wrong and exceedingly mean insinuation about the hotel at which he resided during his stay in this town.

THURS., NOV. 7th, 1901 —

Triple Wedding: An event of more than ordinary interest took place in the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday at five o'clock, when three men and three maidens simultaneously plighted their troth at the altar. "All the world loves a lover," and every woman loves a wedding, so the church was crowded with friends and acquaintances.

A wedding is always interesting, a double one especially so, but a triple one is unique indeed. The couples who took the vows of marriage were: Mr. Herbert Wilson, of Wawanesa, and Miss Annie McLennan; Mr. D. A. MacLean, County Clerk, and Miss Tena McLennan; and Mr. D. J. McLennan and Miss Nellie Malcolm. The nuptial vows were tied by the Rev. J. E. Munro. The brides looked very happy and charming in their becoming travelling suits. When leaving the church, and at the station showers of rice literally bestowed, attested to their popularity. All their friends in Gladstone unite in wishing them all happiness.

"Wagner's Wedding March" was beautifully rendered by Miss Maggie Ferguson while the attendants took their places at the altar, and "Mendelssohn's March" while retiring.

The bridesmaids were respectively, Miss McLennan, Miss Beatrice Broadfoot and Miss Ida McAlpine. The groomsmen, Mr. Will Findlay, Mr. Neil McLennan and Mr. A. H. Collins.

Just before leaving the church each bride was presented with a beautiful teacher's bible, as a gift from the congregation of the church.

A new press which will print, cut and fold 20,000 copies per hour is being installed in the Winnipeg Telegram.

Town Council: Moved by Mr. Williams, sec. by Mr. McCrae that J. J. Downey be engaged for the winter months at \$5.00 per month; duties, to look after by-laws, sidewalks, and finish collecting poll tax. — Moved by Mr. Broadfoot, sec. by Mr. McCrae that Dr. Armstrong be authorized to vaccinate the entire school population and also the entire youthful population of the Town of Gladstone.

Work on the new rink is progressing rapidly.

J. T. Palmer will re-open his photo gallery in Gladstone shortly. All reports to the contrary are incorrect.

The C.N.R. has started track-laying on the Beaver-Gladstone road. About 3 miles have been completed on the Beaver end.

W. B. Hembroff has accepted a position in the C.P.R. shops in Winnipeg.

D. A. MacLean and bride returned from their wedding trip on Wed. of this week.

T. Blackwell and family left town this week and have taken up residence in Wpg.

J. G. Cory and Thos. Morton

went to Wpg. last week to play Rugby.

Don't kill your pullets! I want 500; will pay 25c for good ones. I will be ready to receive them Sat., Nov. 16th at my new henery, Gladstone.—Allan Gould.

THURS., NOV. 14th, 1901 —

The C.N.R. is about completed to Gladstone. It is expected that the steel will be laid by Saturday of this week. The new depot is also in the course of erection.

The Commercial Hotel opened up again Monday under the new proprietor, Thos. Tighe.

Alfred Harris Andrews, little 4-year-old son of A. T. Andrews, druggist of this town, died yesterday afternoon at three o'clock from the after effects of diphtheria.

The C.P.R. depot was quarantined on Tues., Mrs. Egan and two children being ill with scarlet fever.

The butcher bus, heretofore run by Weaver & Adams, was sold recently to E. G. Edwards & M. McMillan. The new firm has moved to the stand formerly occupied by the first mentioned firm.

J. G. Cory left Wed. for Gilbert Plains where he will open a law practice.

Golden Stream plans to form a Society of the "Epworth League of Christian Endeavour".

BEAR CREEK: Our bachelor friend, Dan McLennan, has at last joined the ranks of the Benedicts. We join with others in wishing Dan and Mrs. McLennan much happiness. — Threshing is about completed in this district. It has taken 4 machines to do the work. Yields have been excellent, as high as 39 bus. for wheat and 60 for oats. — The railroad grade is about completed on 25-14-13. An effort is being made to get to the ridge this Fall. The station will be on Mr. Dunning's land.

MAPLE: Three threshing outfits are still at work in this district; namely Clayton's, Dell's and Wilson's. — Wm. Whyte has purchased the Ensoll farm at Ogilvie. Our loss will be their gain.

THURS., NOV. 21st, 1901 —

The Connecting Link: Tuesday of this week the C.N.R. steel gang completed laying the track between Beaver and this point. Crowds were on hand to witness the rapid way in which steel is laid now-a-days. It is expected that the track will be ready for all kinds of traffic in about two weeks.

So far this season 147,000 bus.

of wheat have been handled by the Gladstone grain merchants.

Mr. Cathcart, late of Wpg., has assumed the duties of Drill Instructor to the Boys' Brigade.

BEAR CR.: Mr. H. Riddle's foot, which he got jammed in Mine's threshing machine, is improving nicely, and he will soon be around again.

THURS., NOV. 28th, 1901 —

Silver Stream: McLean Bros. are going to thresh with Mr. McCaskill's old mill, and have drawn it home to get it into shape. — Broadfoot's elevator was full on Friday last, so they were unable to buy more wheat there until cars could be procured.

PINE CREEK: There are 3 jobs of threshing to do here. — Wheat here generally went 20 bus. to the acre, some as high as 29. — Jess Rank has quit threshing for this season.

The last issue of the Nor-West Farmer contains a good half-tone engraving of the horse-judging at the Gladstone Fair.

A. T. Andrews has just received a large consignment of books for the holiday trade, amounting to over \$350. The publishers say this is the largest order ever filled for a Manitoba point outside of Winnipeg, Portage and Brandon.

Accident: Mark Moger had the misfortune to break a small bone in his leg one day last week. He was run over by a wagon load of furniture.

((At the res. of W. J. Tierney, on Wed. of this week, Harry Downey and Miss Hanna Olson (of Wellington) were married)).

THURS., DEC. 5th, 1901 —

Chief Magistrates: The following gentlemen have been Chief Magistrates of Gladstone since incorporation in 1882:

1882-1883—P. St. Clair McGregor.
1884-1885—George Claxton.
1886-1897—J. L. Logie.
1898—Wm. McKelvey.
1899—P. Broadfoot.
1900-1901—J. L. Logie.

* A number of years during this period the town was without a council.

Chief Rulers of the R. M. of Westbourne: We have ascertained the names of the gentlemen who have held the position of Warden or Reeve of this county since its formation. For the benefit of our readers we will publish the following table:

1878—Thos. Cory.
1879—A. E. Smalley.
1880 & 1881—Thos. Cory.
1882 & 1883—John L. Logie.
1884—W. H. West.
1885-1889—A. E. Smalley.
1900 & 1901—John Ferguson.

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Wed. Free Press: Mr. D. B. Hanna, gen. superintendent of Can. Northern informed a Free Press reporter yesterday that traffic over the new line between Beaver & Glad. will start the latter part of this week. "It will be some time yet, however," said Mr. Hanna before we will run passenger trains over the new line, but we will use it for the transfer of freight right away. We will continue our passenger traffic over the joint lines for the present. Mr. Hanna leaves tomorrow for a trip over the new line.

The carpenters will finish work on the rink this week.

The C.P.R. has again been obstructing the C.N.R. at the crossing west of town. It is said the proper signals had not been put up.

James Watson fell 14 ft. from the scaffold at the new rink, striking heavily on his head and shoulders. His head is considerably hurt but the full extent of injuries cannot be ascertained for several hours yet. He is at present at the residence of Mr. Wm. Williams and being well cared for. His friends are anxiously waiting for more favorable reports to appear.

Miss Kate Paul has resigned her position at Galloway Bros. owing to ill-health. She has gone to her home at Woodside.

Messrs. Gordon & McLean have purchased the bakery and confectionery bus, formerly carried on by Lunn & Co., and took possession Wed. of this week. The new firm still conducts bus, the same as in the past.

Births: In Gladstone to the E. Crouters, a son, Nov. 30th — At Bear Creek, to the Albert Stephens, a son, Dec. 4th. — At Ogilvie, to the Geo. Daughertys, a dau., Nov. 27th.

Can. Northern "Dec. Excursions to Eastern Canada: Wpg. to London, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, and return — (\$30.00)).

THURS., DEC. 12th, 1901 —

((Only 68 out of a total of about 190 voters turned out Tuesday to elect the following to assist Mayor D. Smith next year in the Council:

Magnus Wilson	51
Chas. Knox	47
Jas. McCrae	41
A. G. Williams	42
Wm. Eccles	41
C. F. Gabriel	35

The 7th candidate, Jas. Adamson, had 22)).

Messrs. Morton & Pearson were the first grain dealers to ship wheat over the C.N.R. via Beaver.

A Narrow Escape! On Sat. evening last about 6 o'clock, a terrible accident was narrowly averted at the railway crossing on Morris Ave. by a hair's breadth. Two young lads, Russell Armstrong, of Galloway's Store, and W. McAlpine, were returning after delivering parcels to the south end of town, and were just yards from the track when a C.N.R. freight passed. The horse, which was travelling at a good trot, stopped suddenly as the iron horse was about to pass, and turning to the right, threw both boys out of the rig. McAlpine was thrown to the ground, but Russell was thrown completely over the horse and fell on the pilot of the engine & hung on to the flag pole until the train was stopped. The horse was in some way dragged along with the engine, passing thro' a very narrow passage & over the cattle guard. The rig was completely demolished. It is strange to report that beyond a severe shaking up the boys escaped very little the worse for their thrilling experience, while the horse received several had bruises but will be ready for duty again in a few days.

((Editor Downing, claims in an editorial, that more land has been taken up this year in the county than in any previous five years)).

The contract for the levelling and flooding the rink was let on Tuesday of this week. The contract calls for the work to be completed by Dec. 8th.

Allan McLean has purchased from W. Gordon his share in the confectionery bus, bought by them jointly a week ago.

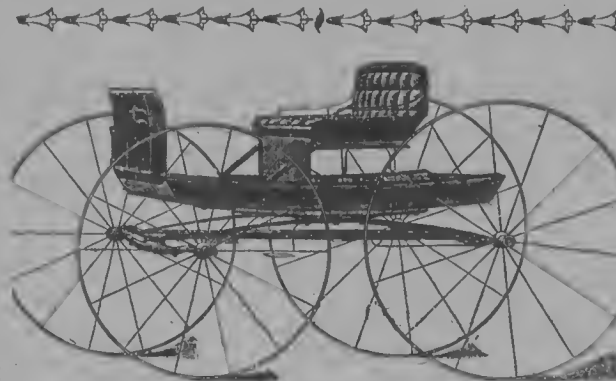
New Jewelry Store: I have reopened for business in Gladstone after a month's absence in the East. — Geo. Vickers, next door to Williams Bros.

Quite a little excitement was created Thurs. a.m. last at the point where the C.N.R. gang was placing pipe to the river from the tank. The C.P.R. placed an engine on the track and kept the men from working, but by a piece of strategy, worked by a couple of townsmen, while the engine was being shifted forward and back. Robt. Vinie, with his dray, remained on the track. Thus work was proceeded with and completed without any further trouble.

Marriages: Wed., Dec. 4th, Rodney Gunn, of Springhill, to Anne Maud Lawford, of Pine Creek. At Wpg., Nov. 27, Robert Newman, to Alice Helen Tester, of Wpg. At Wpg., at 11 a.m. Tues. morning, Lewis Dudley Bowser to Mary Ann Newman, both of Gladstone.

THURS., DEC. 19th, 1901 —

((Custance-Morton nuptial on Tues. afternoon last. — Broadfoot Bros. moved into their new store on Dennis St. this week. — Miss G. Johnston, of New York, (formerly of Gladstone) has returned to town and taken a position at A. T. Andrews. — Thos. Madill plans to sell lots from his property next Spring. — On



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Commercial Hotel.

GLADSTONE, MAN.

This popular hotel has been refurbished and remodelled throughout, and is now under an entirely new management. Special attention paid to the table and the comfort of travellers. Good livery stables in connection.

R. VINIE,

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(Issue of May 30, 1901)

Monday a.m. last fire broke out in the basement of A. T. Andrews drug store. The editor expects population of the town to reach 1,000 in 1902. — The grand opening of the new rink will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th)).

((No Paper for Dec. 26th))

One Years Business In Gladstone

brought to an end and with that a better knowledge of the needs of customers.

We Are To-day

in a much better position to serve all who have favored us with their trade in the past year and in the future expect to be still better prepared to place before you a larger assortment of goods than ever before and at prices as low as the lowest.

More Trade

is what we are after and if attention to goods required and prices right we expect a large increase this coming year.

For Reliable Goods

and low prices, remember where to find them.

Broadfoot Bros.

Gladstone, Man.

General Merchants.

Jan. 15th.

(Issue of Jan. 17, 1901)

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(by A.E.M.)

It is very appropriate that the first item in our little history should be about the Roper Galloway family. . . . Nina and Maggie returning to the city after a holiday with their parents. Roper, of course, was the senior partner of Galloway Bros. big store (see copy of full page advertisement of Oct. 24th, 1901). The third item is also quite interesting. Oliver McDiarmid was at that time chasing down his doctor's degree; and the fact that Maggie and Oliver took the same train may not have been wholly accidental, for later on their marriage was a big event for them and the town. Their son Dr. McDiarmid resides in Brandon. That wonderful little book, "I lived in Paradise" published in 1941, was written by Margaret about her parents, her girlhood friends, and happy experiences of growing up in a pioneer town.

Note, too, in the very next item where one of the most 'honourable' of honourable members ever to serve in the Manitoba Legislature started on his college education, Wm. Morton.

After starting off so verbosely we will try to cut back on the space and leave the Maple and Plumias marriages for those readers more familiar with the contracting parties.

Pine Creek had an alert reporter in those days as will be seen in the many well-written observations. Who, we wonder?

Some Plumias people will be interested in the facts about Dr. Stewart's marriage, also the brief school report of 80 years ago.

Wonder if Maurice Clayton is aware that his dad was in the meat business? Incidentally, the Huggins mentioned was in partnership with Mr. Weaver in 1900 when they became the first occupants of that building presently (May 1981) being torn down. For proof here's an item from the May 24th, 1900 issue: "The butchering business formerly carried on under the name of Hunter & Huggins has been dissolved. Mr. Hunter retiring. The bus. will now be conducted under the name of Weaver & Huggins who have opened up in the new shop in the Bickle Block."

The McLennans at Woodside, were news to us, and bear no family connection.

The double brackets ((--)) around the item concerning the first year in bus. of Broadfoot Bros. indicates that "we" are

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not quoting verbatim but rather putting in our own words the gist of the statement. The same will appear many times from here on. The double brackets are to differentiate from single brackets that may be used in the original copy.

The front page of the "Age" featuring the death of Queen Victoria is reproduced exactly as the original, only in quarter size. Note Broadfoot Bros. advt. as well as several others.

Peter St. Clair McGregor is of course the father of our Wilf and the J. McLaren, is "Jolly Jack" from pioneer times, and the father of Big Mac, now of Dauphin, and "Merry" Mary both of whom cavorted around here some 40 years ago. The two pioneers came in 1873 and 1877 respectively.

Does anyone know where Emerald Cottage" was located?

Yes, there were the occasional news from Westbourne.

By the school report you will see how exactly we're 'following copy'. Even the spelling of 'Viney' while in other places in the paper it was the same as our own Jim. Jack was the oldest in the Robt. Vinie family, Jim the youngest.

We believe the Jas. Donaldson mentioned here was really in the Edrans district, and could be the father of Harry Donaldson, electrician in our town some 20 years ago.

The Bob Jacob here mentioned as doing well in his law studies, later became one of Winnipeg's most respected lawyers and political figures, contesting the mayoralty seat on one occasion. In 1898 he worked in the "Age" and told us once of some of his more memorable experiences in the shop.

Most exciting news of 1901 was the building of the branch line from Beaver to Gladstone to join up with the existing C.N. line from here to Dauphin and beyond. Editor Downing followed its progress by almost weekly bulletins. A real big event for Gladstone. . . two rail lines for one little town! Before the year was out Mr. Downing had visions of 1,000 persons for the town.

The popular bachelor of many years was soon to wed, and the eventful news had to appear first in another paper. . . not much wonder Editor Downing didn't believe it. Of course Jack McLaren had a reputation for "foolin'" and most of his close friends must have thought this was another joke. However, as will be seen further on he was

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serious this time. He had a new house put up on Second St., still there as one of the town's few "doubles"

See by the Woodside news that people being impatient for their "Age" isn't such a modern inconvenience as we thought.

The Crouter & Pepper block was the building that housed the Beaver Lumber from around the early '30s; destroyed in the fire of Jan. 10th, 1979, while housing Vogt's Fabrics.

In the Mar. 7th issue Editor Downing is ecstatic about the many building prospects for the year. We have alluded to a few of these. The Fahrni house and barns, etc., were just north of the railway bridges; in fact a portion of the brick walls of the house are still standing. We are using our imagination a little freely in putting together the Andrews - Crowter deal, the whys and wherefores, etc. Mr. Crowter & D. A. MacLean (our Uncle Dan) dissolved partnership in mid-September 1900. As Dan had been in the hardware business with Jas. McCrae from the early '90's, it would seem that somewhere in the intervening years, E. Crouter had bought out McCrae. We can guess from his progress in the next few yrs. that he was of an ambitious nature. Prospects for the town's quick advancement were very good, and a move to larger quarters necessary to reap a richer harvest. Capital would be needed and perhaps Mr. Pepper had the wherewithal for that. So Crouter bought out Dan, sold the bldg. to his next door neighbor, Mr. Andrews, and built his big new store (almost directly across Dennis from Postmaster Rose). Andrews, druggist, was for progress, too, and he set up the new quarters for his incoming tenants. The Gladstone Jewellery Co. (perhaps he owned it too). Anyway it continued as a jewelry store all down the years perhaps right up to the fire in 1930 that destroyed the four buildings from corner north to Chas. Eccles barber shop. Dr. Rose, in the 20's, had his office in the back part of the Jewelry Store. I remember as a lad taking my friend, the late Lloyd Gilman, there with what we both thought was a near fatal gash in his leg. Dr. Rose handled our "case" but didn't seem to show the great concern we both thought the occasion warranted. He was a GOOD doctor

Life was very precarious in those days. The daughter born to the Ralph Kings on March 6, lived only five months. Many diseases were extremely dangerous: typhoid fever, perhaps equal as a killer to consumption; and then there were diphtheria,

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scarlet fever, and others. Fond parents with large families of growing boys and girls had a few more real worries besides rent and food bills. The percentage of children that died before school age must have been in the area of one out of ten.

One of the chief reasons for including articles where there are many names, is to refresh fading memories of the older old-time citizens. The "very selected gathering" that attended the Walton recital is one of these that will help do the trick.

In Bear Creek news we see that the correspondents used the "Age" to let bachelors, et al, know that all their neighbors & friends were "up" on what was going on.

In Woodside news, Mar. 14th, is an item about Mrs. Sharp and her confectionery store in Gladstone. Such a store was referred to in "I Lived in Paradise" as a mouth-watering place for young appetites.

Chas. Jacob was the eldest of the six sons that accompanied their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob from England to Gladstone in 1893. Here is the quote of Editor F. Armstrong in his issue of May 10 of that year: "Mr. Jacob, his wife and family of six, arrived in town last week from Somersetshire, Eng. This gentleman has rented a farm & intends going in for mixed farming from the start. Mr. Jacob is thoroughly conversant with his business and a perfect specimen of manhood, weighing 326 pounds." Bob Jacob, referred to further back, was a brother, as was "little Bertie".

Under Mar. 28th we see that even in the early days the boys were out for a quick buck.

The enterprising Magnus Wilson must have been dabbling in real estate too. He was, at the same time, blacksmith, manufacturer of pumps, etc., checker player of note, and also since '98 in the manufacture of bricks. Quite a guy! He also owned, and used to good effect, one of the first real good, and ingeniously-made cameras. It's still in good shape and would doubtless take as good pictures as it did in the early '90s if plates could be got, and someone could figure out its mechanism. Son Bob, who still resides in the "castle" on the old "island", built by his dad in 1905, showed it to us a year ago. We'll have to go back and have another try at unravelling its secrets.

In April 4th issue we see that the Council was getting "progressive" too - sidewalks. But

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it was going to be some nine years before cement was used.

The reason for Mr. Howe taking over from Mr. McAlpine in the Windsor House was because the latter had, late in 1900, moved into his spanking new, 3-story Hyde Park Hotel. It will be remembered, by most as "the Travellers" being ingloriously tore down some 10 to 15 years ago. It saw some bad and a few good years. It was vacant in the late '20s and its kitchen was put to use as the waiting room of the first open-air rink, Wes. Brooks, now of Brandon, being caretaker. Incidentally, in reference to the Windsor House, it was known as Malcolm's Hotel in the early '80s. For proof refer again to "I Lived in Paradise". The picture also shows Alex May and his spanking set of drivers; also Wilf McGregor's dad, and George Galloway's and Mrs. Sadie Wilson's uncle Roper.

The Revere House referred to under April 18th was quite a landmark for close to 80 years. It was situated on the corner where the Coop Farm Centre now is and occupied pretty well the square about 60 x 60 where the pumps are. The only issue of "The Gladstone Times" that we have fallen heir to is the 10th issue which was published Dec. 10th, 1891, which carries the obituary of Jas. Herron, Fri. the 4th at Cypress River. The item states he came to Gladstone from Tupper in 1881 "purchased, and until last year kept the Revere House . . . possessed of a never-failing supply of genuine wit he was the friend of all". The date of the building of the Revere House, as indicated above, is very likely right or so we have deduced, from the following "facts(?)". The picture p. 3 of the Paradise book is taken from the upstairs portion of Galloway's first store, looking almost directly south. It's spring and it must be the year 1882. If it was Spring 1881 the Revere would have had to be built in 1880 or before. If it was the Spring of '83 that the picture was taken, the railway tracks would be there. And there is some certainty to the date of its arrival as being Aug 21st. Also if the Galloways had the pictures taken it could not have been in 1880 for their arrival in Gladstone was in the Spring of 1881. Now, as to the exact time of the arrival of the rails the best proof we have is that contained in the booklet "The Yellowhead Trail" (Manitoba Section) loaned last Fall to us by Bruce MacKenzie. While this book is obviously not error-free it can be assumed that research included access to railway record books. It was Spring in the year of 1882. Little was being done on the new railway except for some

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work re the junction with the C.P.R. at Portage. "Nevertheless, the big day finally arrived - May 5th - and workman began laying track from Portage la Prairie. With credible speed the line was laid to Westbourne by July 10, and to Woodside by Aug. 8th. On August 21st the first construction train eased into Gladstone." - "A month later an anonymous writer "Veritas", complained that no train had arrived in Gladstone for almost three weeks; there were no railway stations under construction at MacDonlad, Woodside nor Gladstone; and that the railroad was in terrible condition. Clearly there were problems". "The line changed ownership on Nov. 7, 1882, Sir Hugh Allan & Associates the new owners, and a knowledgeable railway man, James Secretan, hired. He threw a bombshell into things by stating that the entire line from Portage to 15 miles west of Gladstone was unsatisfactory, and would have to be taken up and rebuilt." - To return to the original topic, the Revere House, the date of its demise is more certain. It was 1938 and it was altered completely by E. A. Stout. That same year saw the arrival of Choy Don & cafe (still in the family), Leckie's R.C.A. Store, and a 27-year-old foolish farm lad who took over The Age Press.

The sad event at the D. Smith farm was almost a decade ahead of our Dave, and we guess he just wasn't told about it.

Harry Swallow is mentioned under May 2nd. A Dr. Swallow, who lived as a boy in this district, wrote a book about Yorkton and in it mentioned two unusual experiences he had: one, seeing a ball of slithering, hissing snakes out on the prairie; two, a "waterfall" about 1 foot high that moved upstream in the Whitemud one Spring day. It turned out to be a wall of fish, and such a huge number of the same that they were veritably pushing the water back upstream. Two unusual sights!

The C. P. Bennett store is still in use - Lyle Cox using it for his Radio Shack and family residence.

Dan MacLean, County Court Clerk for three or more decades told us once that the Rusk, Fahrni case was first one he had to handle. But he said his concerns were allayed somewhat when the retiring Clerk, Thos. Cory (pioneer of '71) offered his help. The stuttering Judge Ryan demanded proper order in his court.

Under May 23rd: Can someone enlighten us on the Robt. Armstrong purchase. We understand

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that "the island" was owned at one time by a Kerr.

See how the Bear Creek correspondent lashed out at young bachelors! Dan was getting his here while in the next paragraph D. A. MacLean's efforts look a bit suspicious 'too. More about these two fellows in a triple wedding further along. But we should point that while this was the home where D.A. took his bride in 1901, it was also where Ye Olde Editor took his bride 47 years later, Uncle Dan staying around for a year to supervise things, before he passed along. Stan Stewart took over the house in '51 and has since made it into one of the town's nicer places. Stan is still smiling over his purchase.

The Commercial Hotel referred to (just ahead of the big Junc snowstorm) was located on the East side of Morris, and was removed in 1902 to make way for the big 3-storey Alhambra. The latter was destroyed along with Peter Williams garage in a huge blaze in 1930, while half of the Commercial still carries on being the former Singleton house on the Crescent, now occupied by the Cordell Barkers. The other half was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McDonald (Jamieson) moved to the south east corner of town where it was destroyed by fire about 1923. If this episode in the history of the Commercial is 'news' to some people, we are simply quoting as our source the late Wm. Vinie, whose memory for people and things of the early days was if anything, most extra-ordinary. Also, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Vinie operated the hotel in 1901. The latter is printed fact.

The E. G. Edwards mentioned under June 13th, is the butcher. Just where his shop was located is not known by this writer, but it was not in the Bickle Block, as he did not get there until Nov. '01 as is recorded later.

The A. C. McLennan, butter-maker, under June 27th, is the next in line after Dan, Neil and "J.K."

The J. G. Cory mentioned here and quite often in the "Ages" of past years, later became a Winnipeg judge. But in his younger years and at college was a noted athlete. Jack set college records that endured for many years. Thos. Cory was his father.

The Miss Godkin mentioned came to Gladstone in the late '90s from Pilot Mound to work for Rev. and Mrs. Woods at the Rectory (still extant as the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Reshaun on Dennis west). When Rev. Woods left for Neepawa in 1900 she evidently sought

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employment elsewhere. In Mar. 1902 she married a young farmer of the Livingstone district. This little trip out to Gladstone may have been to see some good friends like Mrs. A. E. Miller, but perhaps also to see how that young fellow "J.K." was behaving and getting along with the new house.

Under issue of July 25th "First Sod Turned" it will look like our theory on the railway is all wrong, but we'll stick by it until better evidence is forthcoming.

The Fahrni bridge is what we call the park bridge, we are pretty sure. Mr. F. agitated for it quite strongly. It was nice and handy to his new house & farm bldgs. If so it's not much wonder it was put into retirement a year or so ago.

Bear Creek news dates the advent of the Fahrners to the district. This is where our Fred spent his boyhood days, married and farmed before moving to town to become a partner in the Stout - Fahrner operation.

Ogilvie news may date the building still there.

This Williscroft Store later became the Rex Theatre with the advent of movies. It was destroyed in a fire in 1923(?) along with Jessop's Photo Studio next door. As to the solid brick building to be erected, and the Logie warehouse we've no knowledge whatsoever.

As to John Milne, his son Geo. and wife reside comfortably on 4th St. He occasionally comes over and we swap yarns and experiences of "our" early years, but George hadn't heard how his dad nearly got killed. The mishap preceded his advent to this world by a few years.

The exact location of the office building of Dr. Shoults is not known unless it could be the present little building on Morris resided in by Eddie Breckman. In the 20's it was the office of N. V. James, V.S. whose name still appears on the sidewalk out front; and it's next to the former livery barn and yard and Dr. Shoults had interests in that business too in early 1900's.

The Magnus Wilson blacksmith shop (and such shops all down the yrs.) have occupied the same corner, Morris & Wellington, where Brooks & Morrison have their shop today. R. Kinney must have moved his bldg. to the lots now used by the R.M. After the big three-storey school burned in Oct. 1918, and the present press building was used for Grade IV and up, the lots now covered by the big Municipal office was the playground

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for some grades, and just east was the then dormant planing mill of Kinney Bros. You will hear much more about this firm in the coming years (if & when published).

In Sept. we see that the "Age" has moved (from Dennis almost exactly where the Credit Union is today) to Morris, opposite Galloway Bros. The firm didn't move into the big building (now Macleod's) until late '02 so their location then would be on the north side of alley. Across the street would be about where Tommy Scott Real Estate and Travel Agency is now, built only a couple of years ago. We've heard that it was located north of the Alhambra Hotel but no one has yet indicated who owned the building before or after, except as a photo studio (Jessop's maybe).

The office building of Mr. Morton (pioneer of '73) remained in use for many years and served many purposes. In the early '20s Mr. Asberry Singleton had his real estate office there, and in the '40's Frank Hare used its small space to get his electrical business on its feet before moving to larger quarters. It was at the northernmost tip of Dufferin, and close by the road that goes behind our union station.

So the contract for the new skating, hockey and curling rink went to B. B. Williscroft & Son. For a firm that did this and other most momentous building around the old town, too little is actually known; by this writer anyway. Some great events took place there - carnivals, at which it seemed the entire populace participated; skating, races, hockey, and touring athletes that would jump barrels and perform other daring feats; even the great Jack McCullough came to town. The rink lasted only 22 years. I believe it was in '22 that a big windstorm damaged it and a year later it was condemned and tore down. It was a sad day for many young skaters (Earl Dell for instance), not to mention curlers, but they got their new rink in 1929 while all skating and hockey was carried on outdoors for 25 years. The rink was located directly south of the old Paxton Creamery building, about 200-ft. south of the tracks alongside Diamond Street. This was not the town's first covered skating and curling ice. On Dec. 9th, 1893, the Royal had its official opening. It was located in the "V" formed by Dennis St., the tracks, and James St. to the west. It didn't quite last out the century and made way for the stores that burned Jan. 10, 1979. This rink was a bit unique, the skating ice encircled several sheets of curling ice. The late Irwin Schooley re-

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membered skating there before he was eight years old.

We ask some of our readers for help on three items under "Oct. 10th" . . . the locations of the Morton & Pearson elevator, the Neill McLean dwelling, and the butter factory. We know the A. G. Williams house was later the E. A. Stout home, and still later from 1940 to 1951 served as our hospital. Norm Mayor had it removed in '61(?) to make way for his modern, ranch-style dwelling.

Someone asked recently when the C.N.R. station was built. It looks like it was started at least in 1901. It's still a hand, some looking structure, but its days as a station are numbered. Some folks are working hard to save it, to serve as the town's museum.

When we copied the item about the J. Carefoot house we wondered if, by any chance, it was still standing. When Mrs. Joe McMillan died just recently her house was taken down, and on asking her daughter, Mrs. Earl Wallace if she knew anything of its history, she said she heard it was once the Carefoot house.

The triple wedding of Oct. 30 is reprinted in its entirety. Such a unique event today would receive three columns.

See further down that the Town Council didn't pay very high wages to their jobber.

Under "Nov. 14" we see that the butcher business was an unsettled affair in the year 1901. First, Albert Clayton buys out Wm. Huggins early in January. In May, Geo. Weaver buys him out, and later on Weaver must have added a partner, Adams, for, as we see here, they sell out to Edwards & McMillan, and the latter takes over their old stand, presumably the addition to the Bickle Block that Weaver & Huggins first occupied in '00. Note here that the partnership of Messrs. Weaver & Huggins, referred to under our first column of Comments, must have dissolved shortly after, for by early Fall only Mr. Huggins name appeared on his advs.

Back in the big snowstorm in June Editor Downing passed on the belief of pioneers of the day that good crops would follow. It looks like they did, in Bear Creek at least.

Next we see where the final bit of steel was laid at Gladstone to join the track from the Dauphin line with the C.N.R.'s new line at Beaver. Quite a year for the little town.

The Mr. Cathcart, drill instructor, is not Mrs. Hattie Roe's

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dad, but an uncle. Her parents came about 1904.

The list of town and municipal dignitaries is reprinted as it appeared.

The W. McAlpine mentioned in that hair-raising "Narrow Escape" is one of the Jos. McAlpine family, brother of Basil the popular young hockey and ball player of the years preceding and following the first world war. Bill had his name in the papers some years back, in curling circles. Their dad was at this time in 1901, proprietor of the year-old Hyde Park Hotel.

The year 1901 winds up with Broadfoot Bros. in their new store and the new rink ready for its Grand Opening Dec. 26th. Strange, but this is the same day that the Grand Opening of what we call Dossiter's rink, in 1947. We've now given you the opening dates of the first three covered rinks in Gladstone. The fourth one held its official opening Jan. 20th, 1979. Maybe we should be 'pun'ished (as the late Ted Boyd once observed) for the following observation, but it can be said with plenty of truth that the Dossiter-built rink lasted 30 yrs., that's Mayor than all the other three combined.

The 26 columns of "excerpts" from the "Age", and the 11 columns of "Comments" have been added to by what should be interesting to many, reproductions of actual pages of the paper, and a few smaller advs. The ones of Broadfoot Bros. & Williams Bros., also that of the Commercial Hotel (Robt. Vinie, the proprietor) and Wm. Huggins, butcher, were reduced by only 20%. The others are reduced 50 percent (that is to 1/2-size of the original). These feature the death of Queen Victoria, Galloway Bros. Advt. and -

THE CALENDAR

While this calendar has been around for many, many years and still retains its good looks, no one was aware of its existence until recent years, and Ye Olde Editor not until this Spring. And yet it and I lived in close proximity for the first 8 years of my life. That's why it's of very, very special interest, and especially when it comes to hand just when we are working on the very year it represents. It is, however, unique in other respects. First, though it appears here in drab gray and black, it is in four colors, something that must have been unusual 81 years ago; it was printed in 1900 for use the following year as the dates show; thirdly, it was printed overseas for R. A. Lister & Co. Ltd., of Dursley, Eng., and then distributed in Manitoba by their Wpg. branch

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at 233 King St., which evidently attached the calendar portion; then, the days of the week appear in vertical fashion, unique indeed; and in a more personal way, it carries the name and address of my uncle Neil. Supposedly it was sent to him (1c postage) at the bequest of another uncle, Alcx, who was local agent in 1900 for this particular make of cream separator. But, most intriguing of all it was found in the walls of the house that dad built for his bride-to-be in 1901, and which their family of four boys and two girls called home. After our departure in early 1919 for the present Jim Smith farm, there were several different families occupying it; first, Billy Reade and his mother; the Fred Lukins; the Tom, Martinos, and perhaps others. In the early 50's or so the house was vacant except for the cattle that wandered in 1 door and out the other. Mother was spared the indignity of seeing her kitchen and diningroom-parlor 18" deep in cow manure. Another 20 years pass and in the early '70's the wreckers move in. Bill Thomson remembers the gang finding the old calendar, and turning it over to Ernie Wickstead, who treasures it as a link with the early days of the McLennans. (But Ernie's playing rather rough with us; not only did he have my old home demolished, but just last Winter tore down the "old" McLennan house, to which Mr. and Mrs. John McLennan Sr. and their family of 5 boys (except Dan, Neil & John who preceded them) & 4 girls, came in 1891).

Something —FOR THE— Farmer to Read

If you are wanting any Fresh Meat for Harvesting or Threshing, you will find it to your advances to call and see our Meats and Prices. We take good Butter and Fresh Eggs in trade as they are as good as Cash.

Wm. HUGGINS,
Butcher - Gladstone.
(Issue of Aug. 16th, 1900)